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Dahlias

of distinction for 1931



Describing my own creations,
and standard varieties of all
the different types, classes
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GREETINGS

The year 1930 has been to me a year of thanksgiving in many ways. Even though business has been curtailed generally somewhat in the latter part of the year, I am thankful to have been permitted to enjoy good health with my family on our 50th anniversary, November 6th.

Nothing would please me more on this occasion than to grasp the hand of every one of my customers and other friends and thank them for their liberal patronage and kindly feeling expressed in many other ways.

There have been many changes in the appearance of the dahlia since I first began growing them forty years ago. Size was the craze until it reached impracticable proportions for decorative purposes.

The medium size flowers are more in demand now for decorations. Especially

has the modern single dahlia won the heart of the housewife as well as the public decorator. The tiny pompon in its array of bright colors has come forward hand in hand with the singles, as the most appropriate flowers of the whole dahlia family, to be used in beautifying the home.

About fifteen years ago to satisfy my ambition for a better green corn, I succeeded in originating the three superior varieties described elsewhere in this book, and they have more than fulfilled my anticipation.

I dispose of this corn easily, freshly picked at my newly established roadside stand, in the dahlia field. Try and visit my dahlia garden located on the road to and near Watch Hill in Westerly—the largest and most attractive ocean front summer resort in southern Rhode Island.

**GEORGE L. STILLMAN, The Original Dahlia Specialist
WESTERLY, R. I.**

Originator of World Known Dahlias

On all retail orders for roots, received prior to February 1, 1931, accompanied by cash in full, you may select an amount of roots equal in price to 25% of your order, free in addition to the order. This does not apply to special collections or dahlia seed and is not a cash discount to be deducted from the order, simply that many roots as a premium.

Send in your order now, to make sure of getting what you want and also secure this extra premium.

LIFE'S SUPREME TEST

It is easy enough to be pleasant
When life flows like a song;
But the man worth while is the man who
can smile
When everything goes wrong.
For the test of the heart is trouble,
And it always comes with years;
And the smile that is worth the praises
of earth
Is the smile that shines through tears.

PLEASE NOTICE

For those who have not been able to visit my field and are not familiar with the new varieties, I make a specialty of making up special collections, all labeled. You need only state the number of roots you can use and the total amount you

wish to spend—five, ten, fifteen, twenty, or twenty-five dollars or more. I will then make the selection and submit the list for your approval, and guarantee satisfaction. See pages 24 and 23 for other special collections.

SIZE OF BLOOMS

Sizes given in this catalog are as they grow with me. If you disbud them, you can grow them as large as anyone.

ABOUT DISBUDDING

Why disbud your dahlias to one flower when you grow them for home decoration. There is a happy medium that counts. Just disbud enough to produce

all perfect, medium-size flowers, which are most desirable for the cut flower trade or home decoration.

BIG BLOSSOMS

Why try to grow the big top-heavy flowers, the backs of which begin to fade before the flower is perfect? Medium size flowers are best for cut flowers and last much longer in the house.

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SINGLE DAHLIAS

FIRST PRIZE AT THE DAHLIA SHOW

The demand for single dahlias for table and house decoration has had such a marked increase of late that last year I gave all my seedling garden over to new single dahlias.

From several hundred seedling plants, I selected 25 plants for propagation this year. With one or two exceptions, these plants have even exceeded my expectations.

They are a very unusual collection of the loveliest shades and colors conceivable, and are just the right size for decorative purposes. Long stiff stems, holding the delicate flowers erect. In my own home and office they have proven to be good keepers and most unusually attractive.

At the Dahlia Show in Madison Square

Seed—\$1.00 per package, postpaid.

NEW SINGLES

Miss Orchid, clear orchid. I think here is the most beautiful single dahlia I ever saw. The color is simply exquisite. The formation too is an outstanding feature and cannot be beaten. A dozen of "Miss Orchid" in one vase is a sight beautiful.

Price \$5.00

Miss Anne, pink, heavily shaded lilac. A very nice desirable flower and a very unusually pleasing color. The florets are of a very unique formation.

Price \$5.00

Miss Bright, deep, bright scarlet. Canary yellow at base of petals, which are round and pointed. A very showy and attractive flower.

Price \$5.00

Miss Lucretia, light salmon, shaded yellow at base. Petals formed much like the parrot tulip. One of the finest singles, both in color and shape.

Price \$2.50

Miss Pinkie, a nice, large, single of a deep lilac color. A very unusual color for a single dahlia and immensely attractive.

Price \$2.00

Miss Edna, salmon on outer ends of petals, and golden at base. A very attractive combination of colors, although the salmon predominates. A rich flower.

Price \$2.00

Garden, Sept. 16, 17 and 18, I was awarded 1st prize for Collection of Singles. Their equal for beauty or formation and color cannot be found in this country. In mixtures or shown in separate kinds, they are simply superb.

The roots are priced separately, and seeds from the entire collection are mixed together. Imagine what a wonderful array of beauty a few roots and a package of seed from this collection of new singles will mean for your garden. The true conception of the beauty of the shades of these new specimens can be gained only by seeing them.

I am offering a limited number of roots and a small quantity of seed from this collection of new singles at the very reasonable prices following:

package, postpaid.

Miss Salmon, reddish salmon. A very attractive dahlia. This color has always been in great demand in single dahlias and seldom produced equal to this one.

Price \$2.00

Miss Starr, color, orange. Florets are very pointed and stand out nearly straight. A beautiful color and form.

Price \$2.00

Miss Marion, lavender pink. A very fine shade and nice flower for cutting. Most attractive color and shape.

Price \$1.50

Miss Alice, deep lavender. A beautiful large flower on good stems. A very robust plant and free flowering.

Price \$1.50

Miss Lavender, a nice lavender pink. The petals are wide and flat. A medium size flower on good stems.

Price \$1.00

Miss Evelyn, white, finely striped cerise. Occasionally it produces a solid color cerise flower. Either flower is very decorative.

Price \$1.50

Miss Catherine, orange, clouded red. Backs of petals red, veined golden. A very striking flower either in the home or garden.

Price \$1.00

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NEW SINGLES—(Continued)

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| Miss Peach , deep peach, veined lighter. Reverse side of petals reddish pink. The colors are very showy. Price \$1.00 | Miss Susie , very light salmon. A nice flower on good stems. A free bloomer and a good color to go with other colors. Price \$1.00 |
| Miss Parrot , a fine shade of peach salmon. A very attractively formed flower. Somewhat resembling the parrot tulip. Price \$1.00 | Miss Madeline , light yellow, heavily striped rich red. A beautiful flower often producing solid color. On good stems. Either striped or solid color, it is a beauty. Price \$1.00 |
| Miss Peggy , pure lavender. A beautiful flower on good stems. A rare shade in the single dahlias. Price \$1.50 | Miss Royalty , very light pink. A nice formed true single. On good stems. Price \$1.00 |
| Miss Beatrice , light canary yellow. This flower is a shade of yellow much admired in the single dahlias, and the flowers are carried on extra good stems. Price \$1.50 | Miss Hazel , light yellow, heavily striped deep carmine. A very striking combination of colors, for this nice flower. Price \$1.50 |
| Miss Prudence , the color of this dahlia is a tan salmon. An unusual color and has good stems for cutting. Price \$1.00 | Miss Della , color cream, striped carmine. A very showy flower in the garden and also as house decoration. Price \$1.00 |
| Miss Patience , very pale pink. Although it is a bright, lively desirable color in single dahlias. The flowers are carried on good stems for cutting. Price \$1.50 | Miss Jane , a very delicate color on good stems and of nice form. Price \$1.00 |

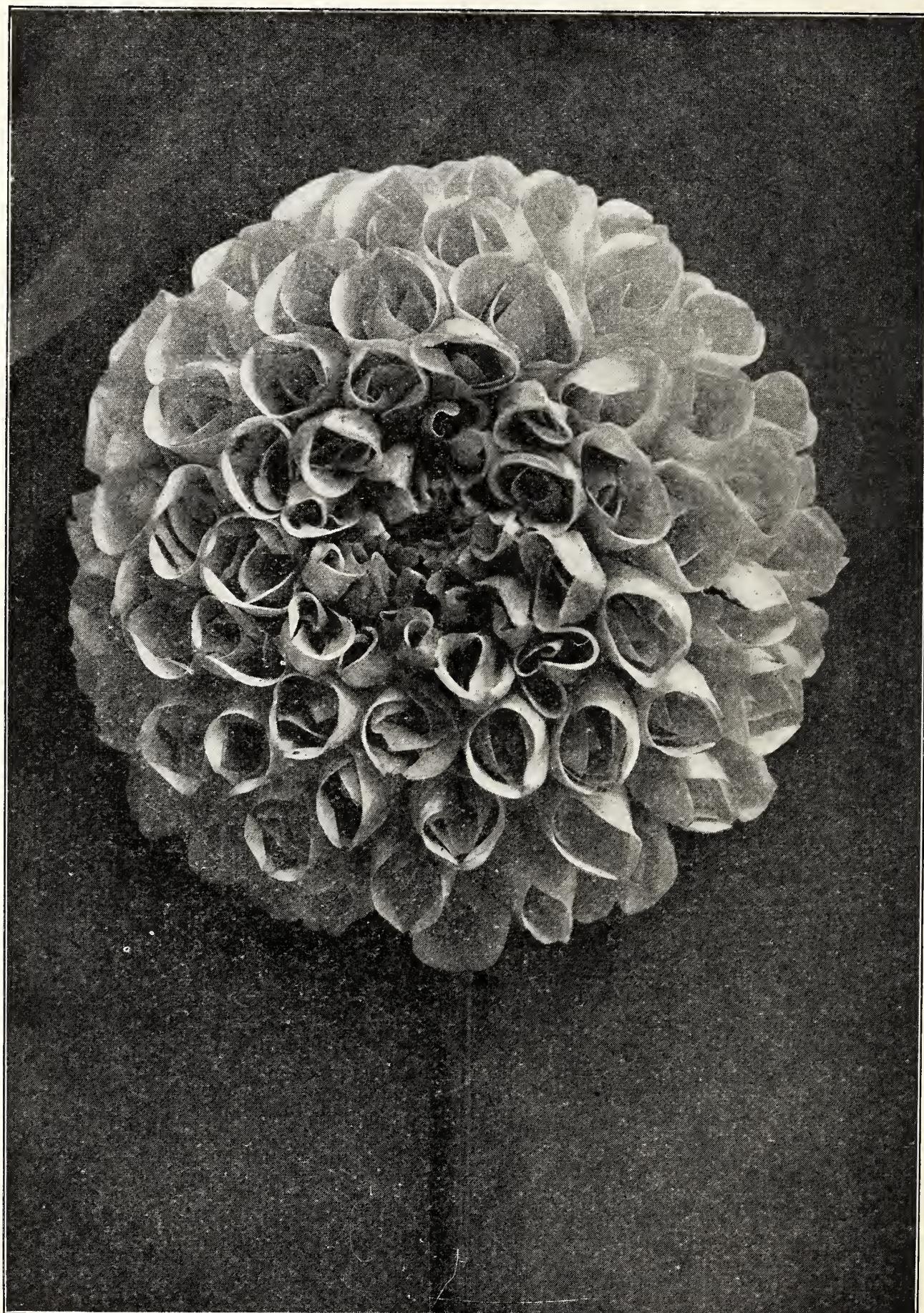
NEW DECORATIVES

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| A. F. Richardson , reddish orange, shaded darker, a most attractive flower. Price \$1.00 | Biltmore , bright rich carmine, petals more or less tipped white. Occasionally flowers come solid color. Price \$1.50 |
| Angola , color, a fine shade of flesh pink with shadings of light yellow. A large flower on good stems for cutting Price \$2.00 | Bonny Best , light cream shaded darker, a good sized flower on good stems. Price 75c |
| Anne Elizabeth , color, light red with pointed petals slightly tipped yellow. Some petals twist and show the reverse side which is light yellow. A beautiful flower, erect on fine stiff stems. Price \$5.00 | Clara Barton , very desirable color, a deep orange brown, of fine form and large flower. Price \$1.50 |
| Anne Taylor , the color of this dahlia is a light butter yellow, solid color. A large, full, deep flower, held erect on stiff stems. Very desirable. Price \$5.00 | Claret Queen , a deep claret flower, occasionally some petals show white. Price \$1.50 |
| Barton Edwards , reddish brown shaded yellow, petals slightly twisting. Very odd color. Price \$1.50 | Cremo , a deep straw colored flower. Very desirable for cut flowers. Price \$1.00 |
| Bertha Brainard , the color of this dahlia is a golden yellow, heavily veined and clouded red salmon. Reverse side of petals cherry red which show slightly, as some petals curl at tips. A very large flower held well above the foliage on long, stiff stems. Price \$5.00 | Commodore Perry , pure canary yellow. A monster flower of fine form. Price \$2.50 |
| | Elm Tree Inn , color, a bright medium orange. A mammoth flower held erect on stiff stems. Petals are long and slightly pointed and clouded yellow at tips. This flower disbudded, would be a giant Price \$5.00 |
| | Ernestine , a very rich carmine. Medium size flower held erect on good stems for cutting Price \$2.00 |
| | Florence Nightingale , butter yellow with slight veins of salmon, petals fold to sharp tip. Price \$1.00 |

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THE NEW DOUBLE QUILL DAHLIA "SILVA QUARTA"

Notice the new feature of this flower, as compared with the regular show
dahlia. See page 21.

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Florence Griswold, white, each petal clouded and stained red. A very showy flower. **Price \$1.00**

Florine, a beautiful shade of golden apricot, large flower of fine formation. **Price \$1.50**

Forest Loma, cerise pink, blotched and streaked canary yellow. Large flower on good stems. **Price 75c**

Highland, color, a salmon with darker shadings. A full flower and free bloomer, erect on heavy stems. **Price \$3.00**

Hoo Chee, strawberry and yellow, a very fine flower. **Price \$1.50**

I'm Alone, a light magenta flower, with each petal heavily tipped white. A most beautiful mammoth flower for garden decoration. A tall plant and a wonderfully free bloomer. It's Alone, as its name indicates. No other dahlia like it. Stock limited. **Price \$5.00**

Jennie M. Bailey, a light pink, large and beautiful. **Price \$2.00**

John Drew, light pink, shaded lavender. **Price 75c**

Judge Wilcox, a clear butter yellow. Large flowers erect on stiff stems. One of the best for cutting. **Price \$1.50**

Justice White, bright carmine, each petal nearly half white. Occasionally some flowers are solid color. **Price \$1.00**

King Of The Garden, yellow tipped white, some flowers occasionally come solid color. Beautiful flower. **Price \$1.00**

Lady Cardine, medium carmine, heavily bordered white. A wonderful flower on heavy stems. **Price \$1.50**

Lady Fenwick, beautiful shade of peach salmon. Most desirable flower for cutting **Price 75c**

Lady Retta, beautiful light pink, with lavender tint, on fine stiff stems. **Price 75c**

Lake Erie, a clear deep lavender dahlia of large size, most desirable flower. **Price \$1.50**

Le Coq d'Or, yellow with white tips. Some flowers are nearly all white. Medium size, greatly admired for cutting **Price \$1.00**

Lilac Gem, light lilac, inner petals a shade lighter. Very nice dahlia on good stems. **Price 75c**

Lois Willoughby, color, salmon yellow, slightly shaded pink. Flowers are of medium size and beautiful for cutting. Some are nearly half white. **Price \$2.00**

Lucy A., pure canary yellow. A full deep flower, and a very free bloomer. **Price \$1.00**

Mabel Normand, a very light canary yellow. Fine for cut flowers. **Price \$1.00**

Marion Weller, light lavender, slightly shaded pink. **Price \$1.00**

Marilyn Miller, salmon, heavily shaded yellow. Very desirable cut flower dahlia. **Price \$1.00**

Maiden Blush, peach pink. A beautiful rich color flower erect on good stems. **Price 75c**

Major Bowes, a very deep scarlet. A wonderful shade of red. Free blooming. **Price \$5.00**

Margaret Cuthbert, a beautiful lavender pink dahlia held erect on good stems. A good size flower but not too large for cut flowers. **Price \$5.00**

Most Unusual, a rich golden orange, center petals a rich butter yellow. Most desirable dahlia. **Price \$2.00**

My Lassie, a light canary yellow dahlia. Each petal slightly bordered pink. Backs of petals shaded pink. A nice medium size flower. **Price \$2.00**

Nathaniel Greene, medium yellow, outer petals veined rich salmon pink. **Price \$2.50**

N-C-4, a beautiful flower of scarlet, yellow and white. A wonderful flower for cut flower purposes. **Price \$1.50**

Our Country, purple tipped white. A deep, heavy flower. A wonderful combination of colors. **Price \$1.00**

Oh Gee, a very odd shade of crushed strawberry, held erect on good stems. Most attractive. **Price \$1.00**

Queen of Color, rich golden yellow, petals heavily tipped pinkish white. A beautiful combination of colors. Flowers very large and deep with full center, and are held erect on heavy, stiff stems. **Price \$5.00**

Perfect Beauty, bright, light scarlet, outer petals heavily tipped white. **Price \$1.00**

Pride of the West, a golden orange, very attractive flower on good stems. **Price 75c**

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| Purse of Gold , deep butter yellow. A very large flower on long stems. | Price \$1.50 | The Millionaire , lavender with pink sheen. Monster flower. Price 75c |
| Rosa Nell , bright rose, large flower of attractive shade. | Price \$1.00 | The Indian Princess , a light reddish salmon. A mammoth flower admired by everyone. Price \$2.50 |
| Rupert Loma , old rose, streaked and shaded deeper, on good stems. | Price \$1.00 | The Bard , deep rose with heavy lavender shadings. Very tips of petals are edged with yellow. Unusual color and of medium size. Price \$3.00 |
| Robert O. Fletcher , white, striped and speckled with bright carmine. Beautiful combination of colors. Price 75c | | The Fiery Cross , a rich deep fiery carmine, heavily tipped white. A very showy flower on good stems. Price \$3.00 |
| Rose Pearl , light pink, clouded deeper. Attractive flower. | Price \$1.50 | The Beacon , reddish salmon, backs of petals fold forward. Profuse bloomer. Price \$1.50 |
| Shirley , a beautiful cut flower dahlia. Pink, with base of petals clouded yellow. Good stems. | Price \$2.00 | Topmost , color, crimson. Each petal slightly tipped cream. Base of petals clouded yellow. A bright colored flower, held erect on top of long, stiff stems. Price \$2.00 |
| Sierra Nevada Mts. , salmon pink, slightly clouded yellow. Nicely formed flower and very attractive. | Price \$1.00 | Towering Beauty , color, a deep lavender pink. A large flower with slightly pointed petals. A nice cut flower dahlia and a tall plant. Price \$2.00 |
| Soleil d'Or , deep orange, a very large flower held erect on good stems. | Price \$5.00 | Wabash , a beautiful flesh pink dahlia. A large flower and attractive in every way. Excellent cut flower variety. Price \$1.50 |
| Stephen Hopkins , bright reddish salmon, large flower of most desirable shade. | Price \$2.00 | William Ellery , beautiful cerise carmine red, very full, attractive flower of large size. Price \$2.50 |
| Sunbright , a dazzling shade of yellow. One of the most effective yellows yet produced. Stiff stems. Profuse bloomer. | Price \$1.50 | W J Z , rich salmon pink. A mammoth flower held erect on very heavy, long stems. Deep flower with full center. Price \$2.00 |
| The Glory of Gold , very deep, solid gold. A mammoth flower on long stems. Although the first flowers have short stems, the others are long. | Price \$2.00 | |

DECORATIVES—OLD STANDARD VARIETIES

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| Bashful Giant , very large dahlia of apricot color with golden shadings. | Price \$1.50 | Judge Marean , combination of salmon pink, orange, and red. A beautiful flower on good stems. Price \$1.00 |
| D. M. Moore , very dark maroon, almost black. A most desirable flower. | Price 50c | Junior , a wonderful large dahlia of pure lavendre. Price \$1.00 |
| Geo. Walters , a rich, deep, flesh pink, a large flower of fine form. | Price 50c | Oban , mauve shaded to fawn. Very odd shade. A very good cut flower. Price 25c |
| Gold Finch , main petals are light salmon, center petals a canary yellow. Deep flower on heavy stems. | Price \$1.00 | Princess Juliana , pure white dahlia of fine form. Price 50c |
| H. L. Baker , an attractive shade of orange red, free bloomer on good stems. | Price \$1.00 | Seagirt , beautiful lavender pink. Petals striped and clouded yellow and slightly tipped yellow. Huge flower on long heavy stems holding the flower erect. Price \$2.00 |
| Jersey Beauty , true pink dahlia of fine formation. Excellent cut flower variety | Price \$1.00 | Santa Cruz , canary yellow bordered red. Price \$1.00 |
| | | Snowdrift , pure white, a large fine flower. Price \$1.00 |

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NEW CACTUS AND HYBRID CACTUS

Atlantic Ocean, a mammoth flower of a beautiful shade of canary yellow. A very full flower and free bloomer. **Price \$2.00**

Annabelle (C), a very attractive flower of dark maroon. The petals are very long and incurving. **Price \$1.50**

Adm. Grayson, old rose shaded silvery rose. A very attractive free blooming flower on good stems. **Price \$2.00**

Big Bouncer, bright fiery scarlet, a very attractive, showy flower on good stems. **Price \$1.50**

Bridal Veil (C), pure glistening white, of beautiful formation, a free bloomer on good stems. **Price \$1.00**

Bull Moose, beautiful shade of pinkish yellow. A large flower on good stems. **Price \$1.50**

Caruso, yellow, pink and salmon blended together. A large full flower. **Price \$1.50**

Clawfish (C), deep carmine of fine formation. **Price 50c**

Connecticut College, yellow and salmon, a large flower and free bloomer. **Price \$1.50**

Dr. Walter Van Fleet, a beautiful deep rose pink, inner petals light cream. A beautiful flower. **Price \$2.50**

Doris Snow, white, overcast pink in center. Very full flower with twisting and curly petals. **Price \$1.50**

Elizabeth, a pale cream color. A good color dahlia and a free bloomer. **Price \$1.00**

E. P. Thompson, light velvety carmine, a free blooming dahlia of fine form. **Price \$1.00**

F. L. Deery (C), a lovely shade of lavender pink, and a very attractive free blooming flower. **Price 75c**

Florence Estelle, deep velvety carmine. Petals curl and twist to a sharp point. A beautiful shade. **Price 75c**

Frances J. (HyC), color, a coral pink. Center of flower nearly yellow. A beautiful flower of medium size, held erect on good stiff stems. Fine for cutting. **Price \$3.00**

Gilbert McClurg, yellow and salmon, a good cut flower dahlia and a free bloomer. **Price \$1.00**

Grace Marie, an exquisite shade of pure pink. A medium size flower and a good cut flower dahlia. **Price \$1.00**

Grace Kelly (C), white, tinted pink, attractive flower. **Price \$1.50**

Helen Frances, clear canary yellow. This is a very large flower and an exquisitely nice shade of yellow on good stiff stems. **Price \$2.00**

Hollyhock, a nice shade of salmon pink. Inner petals are shaded yellow at base. **Price \$1.50**

Janet Cross (C), a lovely shade of rich salmon pink. A very good cut flower dahlia on good stems. **Price \$1.00**

Katherine Wells, light cream. This flower is the most beautiful, clean, cream shade of any dahlia. Exquisitely beautiful. **Price \$1.50**

Lady Helen, deep pink, with white shadings running through petals. A good cut flower dahlia. **Price \$1.50**

Lake Superior, a deep orange salmon, a large flower. **Price \$2.00**

Mabel Cook (HyC), color, a light, bright red. Some petals shaded yellow. A very large, deep flower about shape of New England Beauty, and held erect on good stems. **Price \$2.00**

Mastodon (C), bright carmine, petals slim and somewhat claw shaped. Large flower. **Price \$1.00**

Mary Kate, a beautiful dahlia of rose salmon. A very free blooming dahlia on good stems. **Price \$2.00**

Mt. Shasta, light shell pink, shaded deeper. A large desirable cut flower dahlia. **Price \$1.50**

Mrs. M. E. Foster, canary yellow striped and veined red. A profuse bloomer on good stems. **Price \$2.00**

Miss Hannon, beautiful flower, of light salmon pink and yellow. A large desirable flower. **Price \$3.00**

New England Beauty, a carmine red. A large flower with a good center. **Price \$1.00**

Quite Content, a pinkish red. Reverse side of petals slightly show yellow from front. A nice color. **Price \$1.00**

Rhoda Ferguson, a very nice shade of real pink. Petals are quite slim and pointed. Attractive and desirable. **Price \$2.00**

The Canary Islands, pure canary yellow, large flower. **Price \$1.50**

The Master (C), a deep carmine, fine formed cactus. **Price \$1.50**

The U. S. A., a beautiful dahlia of deep orange. The best of them all. **Price \$1.50**

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W. J. Davis, canary yellow. A beautiful large flower and a free bloomer on good stems. **Price \$5.00**

Yuletide, pure glistening white. Back of first bloom shows slight lavender tint. Profuse bloomer. **Price \$1.50**

CACTUS—OLD STANDARD VARIETIES

Fairy, pure white, beautifully formed cactus of medium size. **Price 50c**

J. H. Jackson, a dark maroon, nearly black. Good stems. **Price 25c**

Koolankopo, butter yellow, heavily clouded and striped bright red. A large flower. **Price \$1.50**

Libelle, light purple. A very free blooming variety of rich color. **Price 25c**

Master Carl, deep rich butter yellow. Very full, large flower. A very desirable flower. **Price 50c**

M. Pierret, amber with white tips. Some flowers come solid color. A very fine petaled cactus. **Price 75c**

Pearl de Lyon, pure white. Finely shaped cactus. **Price 25c**

Wodan, a delicate salmon rose, shading to old gold in the center. A large attractive flower. **Price 50c**

Wausheska, light cream. This beautiful shade of light cream, makes this fine formed flower on good stems, a most desirable one. **Price \$1.50**

NEW PAEONY FLOWERED

Conspicuous, rich reddish salmon. This is that most desirable salmon shade and the flower is held erect on long stiff stems. It is an early bloomer and is one of the most desirable dahlias for cut flowers. **Price \$1.50**

Crazy Mike, white and red. There are no two flowers alike on the plants. **Price \$3.00**

Eastern Glade, a very deep orange. A large flower with broad petals. Flowers held erect on good stems. **Price \$2.00**

Evening Star, a light fiery red, heavily colored yellow at base of petals. Very attractive flower. **Price 50c**

Firegirl, bright scarlet, tipped yellow. Very showy flower. **Price 75c**

Florence C., bright magenta, clouded and veined white. A beautiful combination of colors. **Price \$1.00**

Happy Thought, a light claret, occasionally some of the flowers have a white tip. **Price \$1.00**

Hattie J. Coon, bright light orange. A nice color and a large flower with curly petals in center. Good stems. **Price \$1.50**

Harry McCoy, light canary yellow. Curly petals. A good dahlia for cutting. **Price \$1.00**

Ideal, salmon yellow, a large full fluffy flower. **Price \$1.00**

Helen of Troy, beautiful shade of light orange, a good cut flower dahlia. **Price \$1.00**

Koman, yellow and red salmon, a very large flower on good stems. **Price \$1.50**

L. Wellington, deep pink and white. An extra large flower on good stems. **Price \$3.00**

Lady Winifred, light yellow. Reverse side of petals a beautiful shade of pink. **Price \$1.00**

Lake Trout, red salmon, almost a cherry. A beautiful color on good, long stems. **Price \$1.50**

Lemon Pie, pure canary yellow. Medium size flower on good long stems. **Price \$1.00**

Minnie Foster, tan or straw color. Unusually nice color. Slightly fluffy petals, with curly petals in center. Very good flower. **Price \$1.00**

Montana, light orange, clouded pink and salmon. Fine stems for cutting. **Price \$1.00**

Mock Orange, yellow tinted pink. An unusual color. Fine for cut flowers. **Price 50c**

Naomi, rich orange shaded red, a large and desirable flower. **Price \$1.00**

Neapolitan, light purple, each petal being bordered deeper. A very attractive large flower. **Price \$1.50**

Old Homestead, most striking shade of reddish peach pink. A large flower on good stems. **Price \$1.00**

Moliere, a pale lavender shaded pink, a large flower on long heavy stems. **Price \$2.00**

Medrano, peach pink heavily clouded and veined cream. Backs of petals a very deep shade. Good stems. **Price \$2.00**

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NEW PAEONY FLOWERED—(Continued)

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| Peach Perfection , deep peach pink, tinted slightly with yellow at base of petals. Most attractive flower. | Price \$1.50 |
| Prince Imperial , rich, deep, bright carmine. A big flower and a beautiful color. Some flowers have white petals in center. | Price \$2.00 |
| Rosy Morn , old rose pink, long stems, good for cutting. | Price 75c |
| Ruth Thompson , salmon and yellow clouded together in a most beautiful manner. An extra large flower and excellent for cutting | Price \$1.50 |
| Razzle Dazzle , light carmine red, with each petal tipped white. A very showy flower on good stems. | Price \$1.00 |
| Rhode Island , pure white with each petal bordered with a very light red. A medium size flower on good stems for cutting. | Price \$1.00 |
| Spring Maid , a light purple or deep mauve. Well formed flower of good size. Good for cutting. | Price 75c |
| Thomy Thompson , a shaded golden salmon. A full deep flower beautifully formed. | Price \$1.00 |
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PAEONY FLOWERED—OLD STANDARD VARIETIES

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| South Pole , pure white. Long stems for cutting. | Price 75c |
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| Uncle Sam , buff shaded pink. A large flower, long stems for cutting. | Price \$1.50 |
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CACTUS PAEONY

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| Harold Darling , light orange. Petals quite slim and rolled. A very unusual color; nice flower for cutting. | Price \$1.00 |
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| Little Dear , pink, a very low plant for borders, and a very profuse bloomer. | Price \$2.00 |
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NEW SEMI-PAEONY OR DUPLEX

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| Magnificent , a most beautiful shade of bright orange. The flower can be classed with either single or duplex, as some of the flowers have only one row of florets. A large flower, 7 in. in diameter, it is a beautiful addition to any garden. | Price \$1.00 |
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| Rosy Gem , reddish salmon, of various shadings. Desirable for cut flowers. | Price 50c |
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| Sunshine , a lovely shade of deep canary yellow, shaded salmon. Good for cut flowers. | Price 50c |
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NEW SHOW OR BALL-SHAPE

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| Andrew Jackson , deep purple, large flower. | Price 35c |
| Budd Fisher , deep carmine. A very rich desirable color, and a very free bloomer. | Price 75c |
| Butter Queen , light butter yellow, slightly shaded pink. A fine show dahlia, large flower. | Price \$2.00 |

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| Ch. Dyker Dolly II , light brick red. A large attractive flower. | Price \$1.00 |
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| Daniel Boone , a rich shade of carmine. A large bright flower held erect on good stems. | Price \$2.00 |
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| Frank Mallon , golden yellow, very slightly veined red. Free blooming dahlia of good size. | Price 50c |
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Be sure your full address comes with every letter or order.

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NEW SHOW OR BALL-SHAPE—(Continued)

Golden Cluster, light butter yellow with each petal slightly tipped and clouded pink. A large flower and profuse bloomer on good stems. **Price 75c**
King of Shows, deep butter yellow. A mammoth flower on long stems. A wonderful show dahlia. **Price \$2.00**
Red Ball, medium light red on long, heavy stems, large flower. **Price \$2.00**
Tennis Ball, purple magenta. Held on long stiff stems. **Price \$1.50**

The Hermit, deep brick red. A very desirable, attractive flower on good length stems. **Price 75c**
Silva Quarta, deep lavender with double quills. Only true double quilled show dahlia in existence. Very large flower, held erect on extra stiff stems well above the foliage. It attracts more attention than any other show dahlia in the field. **Price \$1.00**

SHOW--OLD STANDARD VARIETIES

A. D. Lavoni, delicate pink. Old standby. Well formed flowers on long stems. **Price 25c**
Bride, show, beautiful light lavender, edged heliotrope. Petals exquisitely quilled. Flowers very round and good. Clear, distinct outline. **Price 50c**
Dreer's White, clear snow white. Large beautiful show. **Price 35c**

E. F. Hill, deep lavender pink, good sized dahlia on long stems. **Price 75c**
Gloria de Lyon, white, free bloomer. **Price 25c**
James Cocker, a beautiful rich shade of purple. Abundant bloomer. **Price 50c**
Sunburst, very desirable shade of salmon. Fine form. **Price 25c**

NEW COLLARETTES

Annette, yellow at base of petals, balance of petals cerise, shading to white at tips. Collar is nearly white with cerise shadings. **Price 25c**
Caroline, deep velvety maroon. Collar, maroon with white at tips. **Price 50c**
Color Blender, yellow and crimson, beautifully blended. A most attractive and desirable collarette. **Price 50c**

Meteor, brilliant scarlet, spotted and striped with rose color. White collar. **Price 25c**
Swallow, pure white collarette. Very attractive. **Price 75c**
The Peach, amber, red and white, most attractive. **Price 50c**
Yellow Prize, light canary yellow. Collar is yellow and white blended together. **Price 50c**

STANDARD

SINGLES

Aurora, lavender pink, heavily veined light and clouded lighter, at tips of petals. **Price \$1.00**
Billy, color. white with each petal bordered a deep, rich carmine. Some petals come solid red. **Price \$1.00**
Grenadier, salmon shaded yellow. Pointed petals. Flower is held on long stiff stems. **Price \$2.00**
Johnny Jump Up, color, a deep carmine, each petal has a heavy block

of white in center of tip. A beautiful flower of true single shape. **Price \$1.00**
Peppermint, white, with each petal bordered with deep rich magenta. A beautiful flower, held on good stems. A profuse bloomer. **Price \$1.00**
Queen of May, a mammoth flower, and beautiful shade of pink, held erect on very long stiff stems. **Price \$1.50**
Snowflake, pure white. A beautiful flower, and very free bloomer on very good stems. **Price 50c**

NEW POMPONS

Density, deep carmine. Perfectly formed flower. **Price 50c**
Little Darling (single), light cream, shaded slightly deeper at base of petals. The smallest single dahlia

known. One inch and smaller in diameter. The cutest little flower in the whole dahlia family. It's a profuse bloomer and has good stems holding the flower erect. The last novelty in dahlias. **Price \$5.00**

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NEW POMPONS—(Continued)

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| Little Eddie , light magenta. Base of each petal a rich golden shade. This is a small, neat flower, 1½ inches in diameter and is carried on good stems, holding the flower erect. It blooms profusely the entire season. | Price \$1.00 |
| Little Victory , a rich deep claret red. A shade not yet produced in pompons. Flowers are held erect on good stiff stems. Flowers 1¾ inches in diameter. A fine addition to any garden. | Price \$2.00 |

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| Orange Boy , very desirable color of light orange. Free blooming pompon. | |
| | Price \$1.00 |

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| Prince of Pompoms , deep reddish lilac. Base of petals show a slight shade of gold which is very attractive. This new pompon is truly a beauty and is small in size, 1½ inches, and is a very free bloomer and a good root producer. You will be more than pleased with this flower. | Price \$2.00 |
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POMPON DECORATIVES

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| Wee Charlie , bright carmine. A beautiful specimen on long stiff stems. | Price \$1.00 |
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POMPON STANDARD VARIETIES

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| Ad. Dott , pink, with lavender tinge. Very free bloomer. | Price 25c |
| Bacchus , bright red with long stems, but rather large. | Price 25c |
| Belle of Springfield , light red, the smallest dahlia. | Price 50c |
| Brunette , bright carmine red, occasionally it comes with a quantity of white in the center. | Price 50c |
| Bobby , plum color. An attractive little flower. | Price 25c |
| Catherine , buttercup yellow. Free flowering variety. | Price 35c |
| Codsall Gem , red and white. Very fine and small. | Price 50c |
| Eunice , lavender and white shaded pink. | Price 25c |
| Fascination , pink and lavender blotched white. | Price 25c |
| Gruss Aus Wein , crushed strawberry. A very popular variety and most attractive. | Price 50c |
| Jessica , buff, slightly speckled with red. Very attractive, free blooming dahlia. | Price 25c |
| Klein Gretchen , white shaded crimson. striking colors. | Price 25c |

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| Klein Domiter , delicate buff color, shaded lighter. | Price 50c |
| Leuchstern , orange red. Very fine little pompon. | Price 50c |
| Little Jennie , primrose yellow. An attractive free blooming flower. | Price 25c |
| Little Herman , dark red, with each petal heavily tipped white. A showy flower. | Price 50c |
| Madeline , pale primrose, edged with rose purple. | Price 50c |
| Marguerite , deep lilac, blooms freely. | Price 25c |
| Santoy , white heavily tipped carmine. | Price 25c |
| Snowclad , pure white. A very free blooming dahlia. | Price 25c |
| Sunset , a deep orange, a small, perfect flower. One of the most desirable pompons. | Price 25c |
| Tulla , wine crimson, an exceedingly beautiful flower. | Price 25c |
| Zoe , yellow and white. Occasionally some of the flowers come all yellow. | Price 25c |

NOTE THE FOLLOWING

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| Do not plant your dahlias in the shade. |
| Stunted plants, thick and bushy on top, with no blossoms, are the result of dry weather, or too heavy soil. |
| Do not wait for roots to sprout before planting. There is nothing like mother earth to sprout them. Plant them where you want them to grow. |

The more flowers you cut the better dahlias bloom.

Dahlias do well with me; they will with you, if you follow my instructions carefully, and above all, note what is said on another page in regard to watering.

I guarantee every root I send out, if a root fails to come, return at once.

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SPECIAL OFFERS OF DAHLIA ROOTS READ CAREFULLY

All my customers who received my 1930 catalog and are receiving the 1931 will readily see that I have disposed of the majority of the older varieties of dahlias and a great many of the cheaper new varieties, retaining my newer varieties and very best sellers. I have cut prices heavily of most of those remaining. In making up these collections this year, they are made up from my own stock as usual, roots that I grew in my own field.

It is therefor evident that these special collections this year, will be even more attractive than heretofore.

For the benefit of those who are not familiar with the names, colors, and characteristics of the Dahlia, and wish to have the selection made for them. I make the following 4 collections at a special low price to even up stock. They consist of an assortment of classes and colors and the entire selection must be left to me.

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| No. 1 COLLECTION, contains six named varieties carefully selected, no two alike, and each labeled. This collection contains at least \$3.00 worth of bulbs. Price, postpaid, anywhere in the U. S. A. | \$1.25 |
| No. 2 COLLECTION, contains six named varieties carefully selected, no two alike and each labeled. This collection contains at least \$4.00 worth of roots. Price, postpaid, anywhere in the U. S. A. | 2.25 |
| No. 3 COLLECTION, contains ten named varieties carefully selected, no two alike and each labeled. This collection contains at least \$8.50 worth of roots. Postpaid anywhere in the U. S. A. | 5.25 |
| No. 4 COLLECTION, contains 20 roots without labels, that have become mixed in digging and handling. Frequently a whole row of high-priced varieties has to be thrown into this collection. The supply for this collection is limited. The quality of roots that get into this collection makes it positively necessary to make the price, postpaid, anywhere in the U. S. A. | 2.25 |

DIRECTIONS FOR PLANTING DAHLIA SEED

In the latitude of New York City seed should be sown about March 15th to April 1st. Flats or boxes about 3 or 4 inches deep are best. Cover the seed about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch deep and keep in a warm place. Soak the ground very wet as soon as seed is planted, and keep it moist until the plants are all above the ground. Then they can be moved to a cooler place. They should be kept in the sun to avoid growing too slender. Transplant in the open when weather is free from frost, about 15 inches apart. Discard any undesirable ones as soon as they bloom, thus giving the others more space.

IMPORTANT—It is very important that you understand that every plant you get from seed is an entirely new variety and may be even better than the flower it is taken from. So please do not call any dahlia obtained from seed by any name that is already given to any dahlia as it has no connection with any other.

I do not save seed from poor, insignificant flowers. The wonderful success my customers have with my seed is ample proof that it is far superior to any on the market.

Prices of Seed in Packages as Follows:

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| MIXED DECORATIVE | 2.50 |
| SEED FROM STANDARD SINGLES | .50 |
| GENERAL MIXTURE | 1.00 |
| COLLARETTES | 1.00 |
| POMPONS | 2.00 |
| QUEEN OF MAY—THE GIANT SINGLE | 2.00 |
| 1931 NEW INTRODUCTION SINGLES—see pages 7 and 9 for description | 1.00 |

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Extra Value Special Collections

Special collection, labeled, value \$14.00.
All for \$8.25, postpaid in the U. S.

Ruth Thompson \$1.50
Commodore Perry 2.50
W J Z 2.00
Most Unusual 1.50
Silva Quarta 1.00

Special collection, labeled, value \$16.00.
all for \$10.25, postpaid in the U. S.

Atlantic Ocean \$2.00
Lake Erie 1.50
Our Country 1.00
Mary Kate 2.00
Bridal Veil 1.00
2 Silva Quarta 2.00
Sunbright 1.50
Le Coq d'Or 1.00
Marilyn Miller 1.00
Jennie M. Bailey 2.00
Biltmore 1.00

Total value \$16.00

1 pt. Mt. Shasta Corn Seed free with this collection.

Our Country 1.00
The Indian Princess 2.50
The Glory of Gold 2.00

Total value \$14.00

1 pt. Mt. Shasta Corn Seed free with this collection.

Special collection, labeled, value \$8.25.
All for \$5.25, postpaid in the U. S.

Biltmore \$1.00
Marilyn Miller 1.00
Our Country 1.00
Bridal Veil 1.00
Silva Quarta 1.00
Lake Trout 1.50
Snowflake50
Klein Gretchen25
Gloria de Lyon25
The Millionaire75

Total value \$8.25

1/2 pt. Mt. Shasta Corn Seed free with this collection.

WORM KILLER

THE WILLIAMS WORM KILLER

Have you tried this new device for killing the borer inside the Dahlia stalks. It is a handy little tool and works to perfection without the slightest injury to the plants.

Price, 50c. Postpaid

DAHLIA STAKES

As many of my customers make inquiries of me as to where they can obtain strong Dahlia stakes, I have arranged to furnish a good, strong, Oak Stake, 1 1/4 inches square, and 6 feet long, in the rough, just as they come from the mill, at 12c. each, F. O. B. Westerly. These stakes will last almost a life time if kept under cover when not in use. Oak is getting scarce. Order your stakes early, for my next lot will cost more money. This price good while they last. Price for new lot on application.

TAPE FOR TYING DAHLIAS TO THE STAKE

In lengths about 4 feet long. The best thing yet. Much better than cord, as it does not bruise the stalk. Enough for an acre of dahlias. \$1.15 postpaid in the U. S.

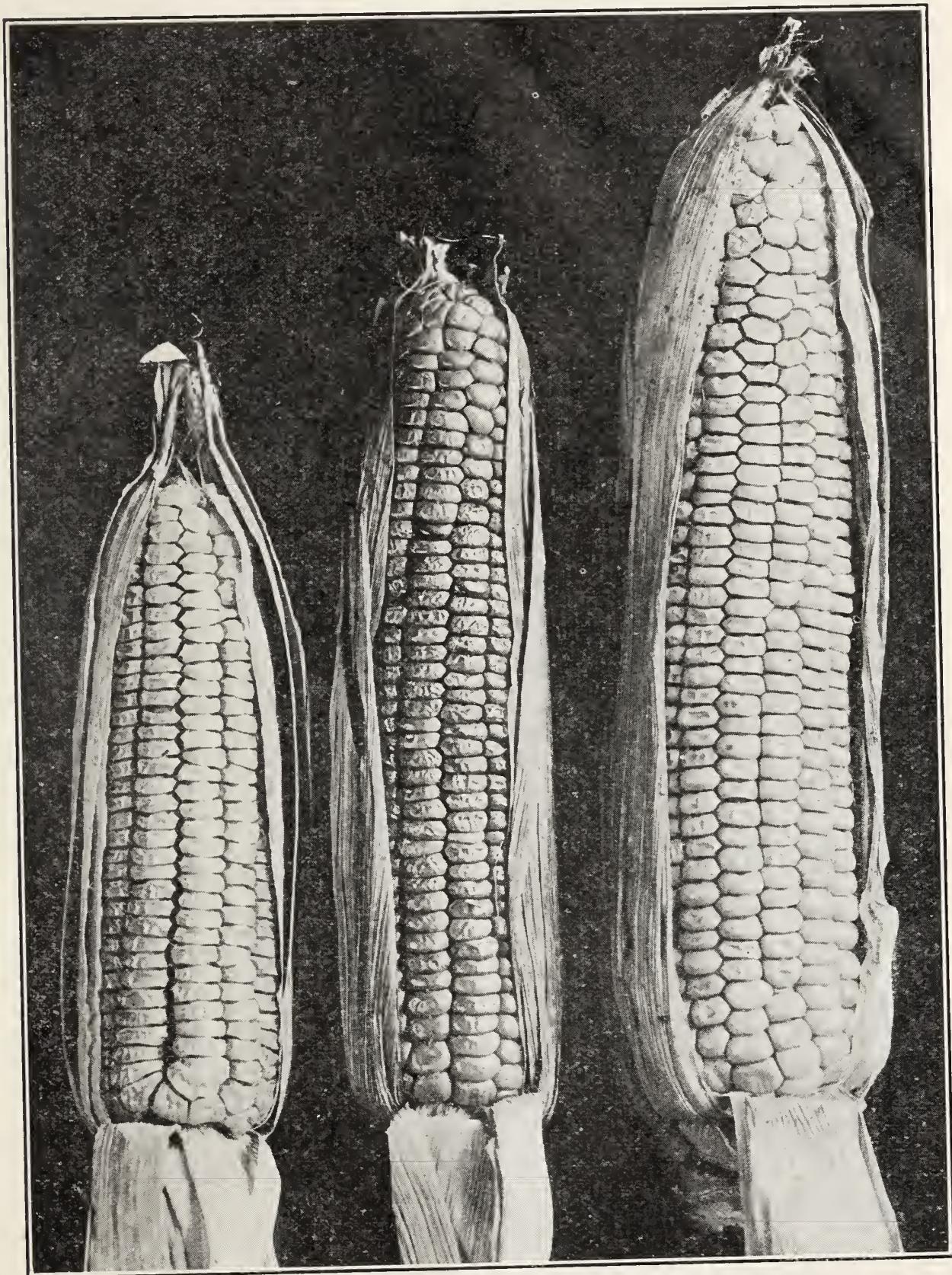
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EXTRA EARLY GIANT

SWEET ORANGE

MT. SHASTA

See page 26 for descriptions.

4 qts. either kind, \$5.00. Special price for larger quantities.

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PERFECTION IN SWEET CORN
I Now Have It

After several years of experimenting, I have succeeded in developing three varieties of sweet corn which are unequaled for table use.

They are all great producers of very large ears of the finest quality, keeping sweet, tender and juicy for a long period.

My ambition was to produce a better sweet corn with larger ears and of superior quality to the kinds in common use. This I succeeded in doing in the three following varieties:

THE EXTRA EARLY GIANT is a 12 row corn, ears of good length and of large diameter, possessing the finest table and market qualities. It has 12 rows of kernels, thus producing half as much more corn to the ear, than the early 8 row corns. It brings a much higher price in the market each year in my own town. It having 12 rows makes an ear of much larger diameter which insures a quick sale. Height about 3 ft. See illustration on page 25.

Selected Seed 75c per pint; 50c per half-pint.

THE SWEET ORANGE sweet corn is about a week later than the Early Giant. It has 12 and frequently 14 rows of kernels. It somewhat resembles the Bantam corn but ears are twice as large, making it a very profitable market corn and it is a favorite table corn as well. It sells in the market here for nearly double the price of the Bantam corn and it costs no more to grow it. Height about 5 ft. See illustration on page 25.

Selected Seed 75c per pint; 50c per half-pint.

THE MT. SHASTA SWEET CORN is the largest and sweetest corn in existence. I grew ears of this corn the past season 15 inches long, weighing 2½ lbs. Although it is a very large corn it possesses an unusual pleasing sweet and delicious flavor of its own. The Mt. Shasta Corn sells itself.

It sold all through the past season in my field, where it grew, as fast as it matured, at 60 cents per dozen. I can safely state that no other sweet corn has in so short a time met with so great and popular demand as has the Mt. Shasta. See illustration on page 25.

The past season, cars have driven to my fields from Providence, New London, East Lyme, Narragansett Pier, Wakefield and all the towns bordering on Westerly, especially to get the Mt. Shasta corn.

Selected Seed 75c per pint; 50c per half-pint.

WHAT CUSTOMERS SAY

"That Mt. Shasta corn is the sweetest and best corn we ever saw."

"You can't buy such corn as that where we live at any price, and we pay 10 cents an ear for corn and very much inferior to the Mt. Shasta."

"I want two dozen of that corn I hear so much about."

Hundreds of similar favorable comments are made by customers all through the season. Everyone is pleased and they come again.

Plant a sweet corn that will top the market if you are a market gardener. If for your own use, one that will be an ornament to your table.

DIRECTIONS FOR PLANTING CORN

Make one planting of EARLY GIANT, three of SWEET ORANGE, and three of MT. SHASTA and you will have a continual supply of the finest green corn you ever ate.

Plant the EXTRA EARLY GIANT in rows **three feet** apart and hills **two feet** apart in the rows. Leave only three stalks in each hill. Fertilize liberally according to quality of soil, with poultry manure, but do not allow it to be placed less than 5 inches from the seed.

Plant the SWEET ORANGE in rows **three feet** apart and hills **three feet** apart in the row. Three stalks to each hill. Fertilize liberally when planting according to quality of the soil with poultry manure, but do not allow it to be placed less than 5 inches from the seed.

Plant the MT. SHASTA in rows **four feet** apart and hills **3½ feet** apart in the row. Allow only three stalks to a hill and if soil is weak only two stalks. Fertilize liberally when planting with poultry manure, placed not less than six inches from the seed.

Caution: Do not mix strong fertilizer with the soil when planting any kind of seed. It is liable to injure the seed. Allow the seed to sprout in the plain soil. It will find the fertilizer very soon.

Be sure your full address comes with every letter or order.

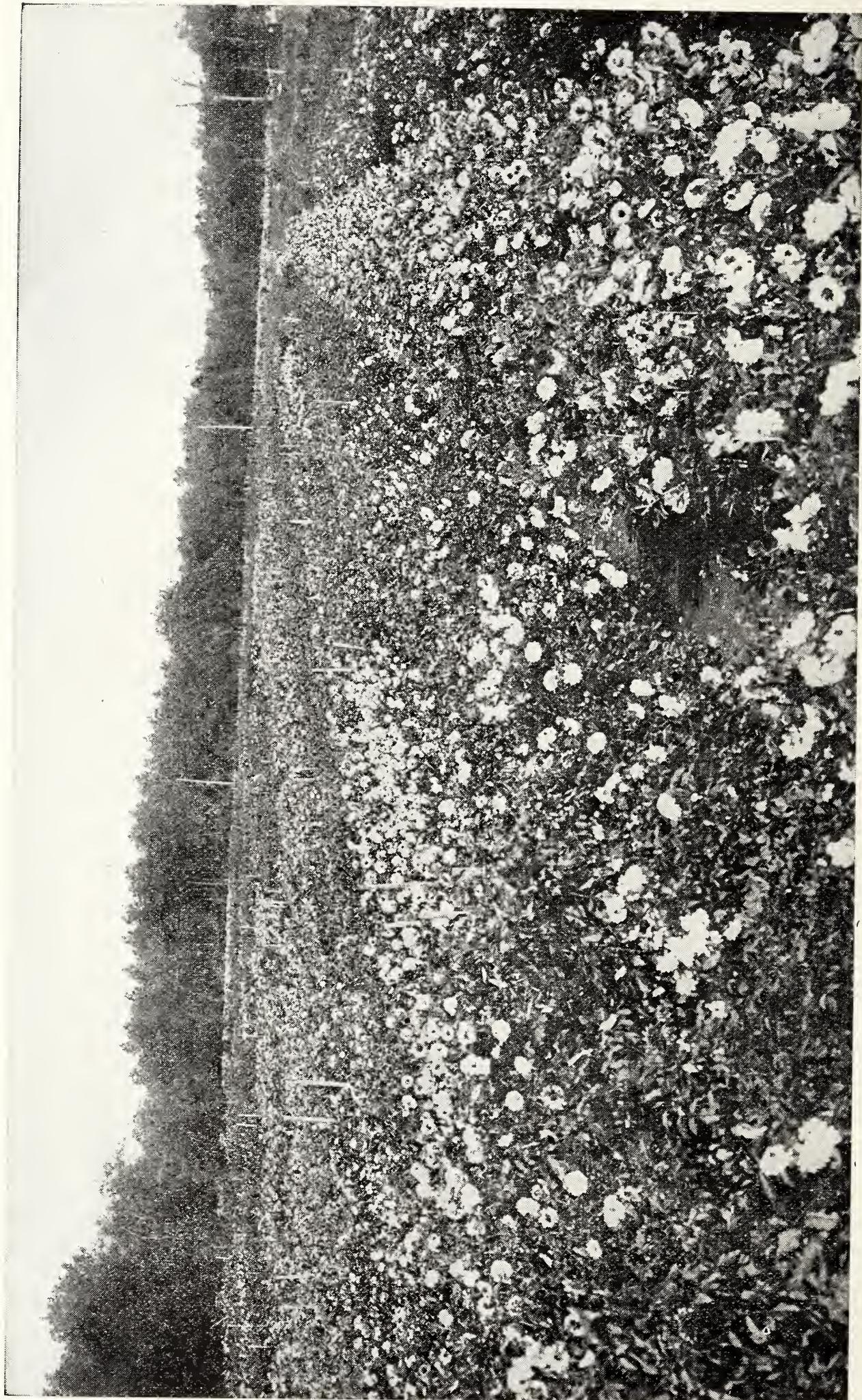
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BASKET OF POMPONS

PARTIAL VIEW OF MY FIELDS



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Disbudding.

Wherever you see my dahlias, either in my fields or on my exhibition tables, you see them as they grow naturally. The only right way to exhibit dahlias. There can be no deception in size. I do no disbudding whatever.

Please Notice

Every dahlia offered in this catalog is described to the best of my ability as they are while growing in my fields without any disbudding; and every statement as to size is positively correct as they grow for me with no extra care. If disbudding with proper care is resorted to they will exceed sizes stated. If a purchaser does not grow them to sizes stated the fault is not mine. It may be the weather, the kind of soil, the lack of water, and a dozen other things. One year's trial is not sufficient to try out a new variety. Experiments in your own garden are the best education.

Prices: Orders received prior to Jan. 1st for shipment the following season will be subject to prices quoted in the new catalogue even though they have been reduced from the last issue.

All shipments to Canada after being delivered to the Express Company or the U. S. mail are at purchaser's risk as to delays or loss.

Sentenced to Death

In a sanitary and humane manner, that's the way of the

"PEERLESS"

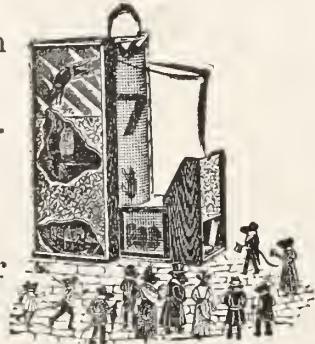
Automatic Mouse and Rat Trap

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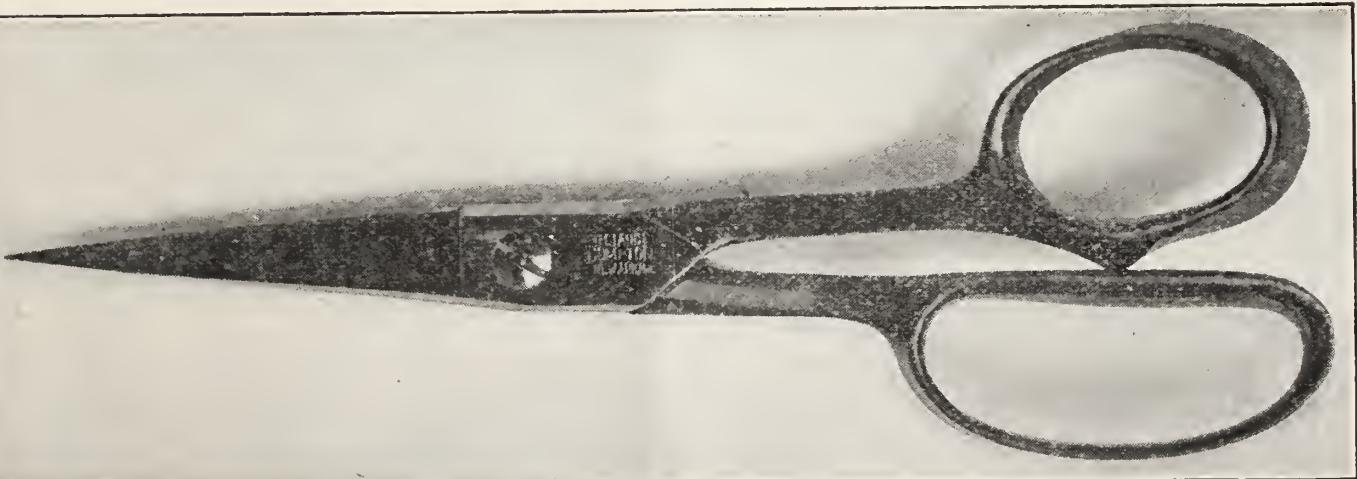


Mouse trap \$3.00. Rat trap \$8.50.
No. 2 Mouse trap \$2.00.

I can personally vouch for this trap as being the greatest mouse exterminator in existence. Sent by express upon receipt of price.

Geo. L. Stillman,
Westerly, Rhode Island

THE LADIES NEW DAHLIA SNIPS



These new snips are meeting with a large demand. Especially used for disbudding, pruning, and cutting flowers. Being 8 inches long they have proven very useful for many purposes in the household and greenhouse. Sent postpaid in the United States for \$1.50.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Guarantee.—I guarantee every root I send out to be true to name and to have a sprout or at least one live eye that will sprout, but I am not responsible for the growth in another person's hands. In case a root fails to sprout, notify me as soon as possible.

First of All.—Send me your order as soon as you receive my catalogue, as the demand for some varieties often exceeds the supply, and those who order early are less liable to disappointment than if they waited till the rush at the time of planting. ORDER roots sent early to avoid disappointment.

If you do not want to spare all of the money to send with the order, send the order along, together with one-quarter of the amount as a guarantee of good faith, and the balance can be remitted when you receive notice that your order is ready to ship.

Customers who are not personally known to me will be notified when to remit the amount of their bill.

Roots are shipped as soon after April 1st as convenient, unless otherwise specified.

When sending orders use the Order Blank furnished with this catalogue. Any number of additional Order Blanks may be had upon application. When filling out the Order Blanks, be sure to fill out the Second Choice columns as well as the First Choice.

It is well to mention the varieties that you are willing to have substituted in case some of those selected are all sold out. Or, if requested, I will select such varieties as will substitute to best advantage. Otherwise, money

sent for such roots will be returned to the sender.

Size of Roots.—Some varieties of Dahlias always produce very small roots, while other varieties make large ones. So do not consider small roots as worthless, for they are equally as good as large ones.

Roots to be replaced after July 1st will be booked for shipment the next season only, and in all cases the roots to be replaced must be returned.

The best way to send money is by registered letter, money order or express order.

Do not hesitate to send small orders. An order for one root will be as carefully filled as an order for one thousand.

Terms.—Cash invariably in advance, or C. O. D. On all retail orders fully paid for in advance I will prepay carriage to any part of the United States.

ATTENTION.—Orders taken in the Fall not fully paid for will be sent C. O. D., unless previous arrangement has been made.

Do not delay ordering until the time to plant, as many varieties may be sold out before that time. ORDER EARLY.

If roots are received before it is convenient to plant them, they should be covered with moist earth until planted.

I use the utmost care to prevent errors in labeling and packing, but if an error does occur, kindly notify me, that it may be rectified immediately.

Please bear in mind that orders are booked and assembled in rotation as received, and are packed to be shipped at the time your order specifies.

FERTILIZER FOR DAHLIAS

I am prepared to furnish both the Pulverized Sheep and Poultry Manure. They are both thoroughly pulverized and kiln dried, and all germs of weeds or grass destroyed. It is perfectly dry and convenient to handle. It is put up in 50 lb. and 100 lb. bags, and can be readily shipped by express or freight. Both of these fertilizers are especially adapted to dahlia growing and for all kinds of garden truck generally. For corn I especially recommend the poultry. Price of poultry in 100-lb. bags, \$4.00; 50-lb. bags, \$2.25. Sheep in 100-lb. bags, \$3.00; 50-lb. bags, \$1.75. F. O. B. Westerly.



Be sure your full address comes with every letter or order.

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POINTERS ON GROWING DAHLIAS

There are always some people who do not succeed in growing Dahlias with their first season's experience, and are naturally very much disappointed. To those I wish to say that it is not due to a fault of mine or of the roots, but is wholly due to your method of cultivation, kind of soil, or weather conditions. A glance through the hundreds of letters I receive from pleased, enthusiastic people who purchase their stock from me is positive proof that my stock is without fault. Exercise a little patience and a whole lot of good common sense and you will grow as nice Dahlias as anyone.

The Right Kind of Soil.—The kind of soil for Dahlias is a light loam or a stony knoll or side hill.

It is very essential that the soil has good drainage. A rich soil is all right if it has good drainage. Heavy, solid ground will produce an abundance of foliage and few and inferior blossoms.

It should be borne in mind that the poorer the soil, the more fertilizer it requires, and the lighter the soil, the more water it needs. See directions for watering elsewhere. It is a very unwise thing to advise no fertilizer in growing Dahlias, especially in the Eastern states. As a rule nothing will grow without sufficient nourishment. Heavy soil is usually quite rich and when lightened as directed elsewhere, will not need as much fertilizing as weak, light soil.

Heavy Soil.—If your soil is heavy with a clay sub-soil, it should be lightened with coal ashes or sand. If coal ashes are used, the coarser they are the better, the main object being to make the soil lighter, more porous, and to give it a good drainage. I have seen Dahlias grown to perfection on a spot where the soil was nearly clear coal ashes.

In applying coal ashes they should be plowed, or spaded in, broad cast, 10 to 18 inches deep, and not dumped in one spot where the Dahlia is planted. One part coal ashes, or sand, and one part soil will not lighten it any too much. This will give a better drainage and allow the sun to act on the soil to a greater depth.

Ashes from either hard or soft coal will do but on very heavy soil those

from soft coal are preferable, being much coarser. Both kinds mixed together are also desirable.

Planting.—The ground should be plowed or spaded to a depth of 8 to 10 inches. Make the drill to receive the root, 12 to 16 inches long and 6 inches deep, and about 6 inches wide. Lay the root down flat in the drill and then apply the fertilizer on both sides of the root, 4 to 6 inches from the root. If pulverized Sheep Manure is used, about one pint to one quart is usually sufficient to each root according to the strength of the soil. If poultry manure is used one pint to each plant is sufficient.

It is very desirable to plow in a quantity of stable manure broadcast. Always stick the stake in the ground before covering the root and thus avoid piercing any part of the root.

Watering.—Watering is one of the most essential things in producing perfect blooms on your Dahlias. 90 per cent. of the failures in growing Dahlias is due to lack of water when the hot days of Summer come. Did you ever notice that the stalk of the Dahlia is about all water except the outside shell, and that where sufficient water is supplied the hole in the center of the main stalk is nearly full of water?

The Dahlia, as soon as it begins to bloom, will absorb the moisture from the soil for a distance of two or three feet. For example: Dig down deeply amid the roots of the Dahlia and then again about 4 or 5 feet from the plant and observe the difference. The dry hot days come earlier some years than others, but usually when the buds begin to open it is time to begin watering.

The best method of doing this is to make a basin-shaped mound of earth around the plant, about 2 feet in diameter, and into this basin turn three or four water pails full of water as often as every three or four days. Fertilizer is used to obtain size, water to make richness of color and perfection. Try it.

Do not hesitate about ordering Dahlia Roots on account of distance for they go safely by mail or express to any part of the world.

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A TALK FOR THE BEGINNER

Do not expect to grow as large flowers as an expert the first year that you try Dahlias, for with any flower you need some experience as well as instruction in order to have great success.

One of my customers said that he had no luck with Dahlias until he read my catalogue. There he found the very information that he needed, viz.: **How to lighten the soil and render it porous.**

If you have a heavy growth of plants and no flowers, it is an indication of too heavy soil, or the same result will be encountered on some dry, rich land. In the latter case water is what is needed and in great abundance, say three or four pails of water three times a week to each plant, with some liquid fertilizer once a week.

Notice that after a heavy rainfall Dahlias take on a new life and the flowers are fuller in the center and more brilliant in color.

All the Dahlias described in this catalogue as to color and shape are described to the best of my ability, but I do not guarantee them to fully meet the ideas of all purchasers in regard to color shadings.

The best method of planting in the field is to make the distance between every other row 3 and 5 feet, respectively, thus affording a passageway on one side of each row after the plant will become large and fill the 3-foot space. 2½ to 3 feet apart in the row according to the nature of the plant is about the right distance when 3- and 5-foot spaces are used. Do not plant near trees or shrubs, as tree roots will take the strength of the soil from the Dahlia. In the open by themselves is the best place. Avoid the south side of a large building where the sun is extremely hot without a good circulation of air, for the flowers will burn on the back before fully open.

For early flowering they may be planted any time after May 1st or as soon as all danger from frost is passed.

Some people have an idea that the larger the root the better the plant it will make, but this is not the case. A small root is just as good as, and in many cases better than, a large one.

The Clumps should be divided about the time that you are to plant in the Spring. At this time you can readily see where the sprouts are and with the use of a knife the head of the clump

can be split through between the sprouts, or eyes, taking whatever bulb, or roots, would come off with one sprout. One sprout is always better than more. If the sprouts are over 2 inches long when you plant the roots it is better to cut them off a half-inch from the root and a new sprout will come and make a better one than the slender one that grew in the cellar.

Care of the Plants.—Keep the ground well cultivated and free from weeds. A frequent stirring of the surface is very beneficial. An application of some standard fertilizer raked into the surface of the soil around the plants two or three times during the season will be very helpful to the development of the flowers.

Never leave more than one or two stalks in a hill. You will have better plants and larger flowers if you will allow only one sprout to grow.

When the buds begin to open a dressing of liquid fertilizer around the plants, several times in a season, will also be beneficial.

Stakes may be used to advantage to prevent plants from breaking down.

Disbudding.—The proper way to disbud the plants is as follows: If the first, or crown bud, appears to be weak or defective, cut it off.

Then when flowers appear on branches, cut them for decorative purposes, below one or two joints, thus removing with the flower whatever buds and foliage may be there. The flowers and foliage cut thus give a better effect for whatever purpose they are to be used. This method is a good invigorator for the plant and at the same time does all the disbudding required on the majority of Dahlias.

Remember, if roots are received before you are ready to plant them, cover them with moist earth to keep them from drying up.

Care of the Roots in Winter.—After the frost has killed the foliage, lift the clumps with a spade fork and allow them to dry in the sun about half a day. They should then be stored in a place free from frost. If an old style cellar without cement bottom or heat, they need not be covered, but if cemented and heated by furnace, they should be covered with papers and cloth to keep the air from them and thus prevent too much shriveling.